

TAYLOR INSISTS ON \$500,000 FOR TRANSIT WORK

Director Points Out That Unless Councils Act Promptly a Year's Delay Will Be Inevitable.

Director Taylor, of the Department of City Transit, today urged upon Councils the vital necessity of ending obstruction to the growth of Philadelphia. He urged Councils to include in the proposed \$11,700,000 loan an item of \$500,000, so that an immediate start can be made in reconstructing sewers in the central downtown district, preliminary to the actual construction of the subway and elevated lines.

If Councils refuse to include the \$500,000 appropriation for rapid transit, Director Taylor pointed out that the transit program worked out by his department and agreed to by the P. R. T. Company, but which has been repeatedly blocked by Councils, will be delayed another year. The city should take the initiative, he said, and start work immediately, without waiting for the Union Traction Company to ratify the program.

Director Taylor also announced new surface lines in many parts of Philadelphia which are needed and will be included in the transit plan. They include a cross-town line on Fifty-sixth street, additional facilities above Frankford, a line on Chestnut street, extensions to the South Philadelphia north and south lines, additional lines north of Girard College, a direct line to Roxborough, a line on North Ninth street and a direct line to Fox Chase.

When Common Council holds a special meeting on Thursday to pass the ordinance which will submit the loan to Philadelphia voters at the November elections, representative business men from all parts of Philadelphia will request that body to reconsider the action of Councils Finance Committee, which placed the latest bill in the road, by a vote of 12 to 10, last Thursday, when it refused Director Taylor's request for an appropriation.

**DIRECTOR TAYLOR'S STATEMENT**

"The people of Philadelphia are directly interested in securing prompt ratification of the program for transit development with free transfers which has grown out of the conference between the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and the Department of City Transit," said Director Taylor in his statement.

"This program has been submitted to the City Councils of Philadelphia and to the stockholders of the Union Traction Company for consideration and final action.

"The program provides, among other things, for the elimination of the 3-cent exchange tickets and the development of an adequate high-speed transportation system in the city, which will afford the free transfer of passengers between high-speed lines and between high-speed lines and intersecting surface lines, so that it will be possible for people to travel quickly and comfortably from every important section of the city to every other important section of the city for one cent fare, by the joint use, when necessary, of both surface and high-speed lines to make the journey.

"The program further provides a plan of financing the much needed extensions of the existing surface system. Thus the carrying out of the program will benefit every section of Philadelphia and every patron of the street railway system.

"A very important factor in the program is the provision which is made for the financing of surface extensions which will be requested from time to time as the city grows. At present various sections of the city are demanding such facilities.

"In West Philadelphia a cross-town line on 56th street is greatly needed.

"In the northeastern section additional surface facilities are needed above Frankford.

"In Germantown the people are very properly demanding the construction of a line on Chew street, a section now built up but isolated.

"In South Philadelphia extensions of the existing north and south lines further southward will be a necessity.

"In the northwestern section there is a great demand for additional north and south lines and for a direct line to Roxborough.

"In the northern section of the city there is an urgent demand for a surface line on North Ninth street and for a direct line to Fox Chase.

"The transit program by its terms makes provision for the funds which will be required to build the necessary surface extensions, most of which are vitally important to the welfare of the various sections of the city.

**CITY MUST MAKE START**

There now seems to be a question as to whether the city should make the start in carrying out of the transit program. All it is the city or shall the city wait favorable action by the Union Traction Company?

"Unquestionably it is the duty of the city to take the initiative and to take any step necessary to secure adequate transit facilities, with free transfers and the necessary extensions of surface lines for the people of Philadelphia, without delay.

"He pointed out the fact that it will take about one year longer to build the subway loop than the extension of the subway structure in Broad street, but before actual work can be effectively commenced on the construction of the subway delivery loop in Walnut street, Eighth street, Arch street and West Penn Square new sewer must be constructed in adjacent streets to take the place of those which will be excavated in building the delivery loop. This preliminary work will be tedious, requiring about nine months, but the cost thereof will only be about \$500,000.

**\$500,000 NEEDED NOW**

It is this \$500,000 item which I am anxious to have included in the loan bill. The enlargement and relocation of the sewers in the delivery district will be essential in the early carrying out of the revised drainage plan of the city which has been adopted.

"The plans and specifications for this work are all prepared in harmony with the plans of the Bureau of Surveys, and the \$500,000 item is included in the loan bill, and thereby made available early next year, the way can be cleared for the construction of the delivery loop by the end of 1915, and nearly a year's delay will have been avoided.

BURGLARS ROLL SAFE INTO REAR YARD AND THEN BLOW IT OPEN

Delicatessen Storekeeper Loses \$1100—Proprietor of Saloon Finds Unwelcome Guests at His Bar.

Two burglaries downtown early this morning. In one of which thieves rolled a heavy safe into a rear kitchen to blow it open, netted the operators nearly \$1100 in cash, jewelry and cigars. The victims are Daniel Baxtain, a saloonkeeper at the southeast corner of 21st and Mifflin streets, and Morris White, who keeps a delicatessen store at 412 South street.

The robbery of the delicatessen store took place between 3 and 3 o'clock this morning. Burglars pried the shutters off a side window. They calmly rolled the safe from the store, through the house to the rear room and blew off the door with nitro-glycerine.

Apparently the thieves were experts. Investigation of their work by City Hall detectives showed that they had performed a clean job. Only the broken bolts showed that the safe door had been blown open. The hinges still were intact.

From the safe the thieves got two diamond rings, two diamond necklaces, and \$100 in cash. The jewelry, according to White, is worth \$800, making his total loss \$900. None of the occupants of the house was aroused while the burglars worked. White and his family knew nothing of the burglary until this morning, when they found the rifled safe in the yard.

Three men operated at Baxtain's saloon. He surprised them quenching their thirst at his bar about 9 o'clock last night, and when he rushed at them they dropped through a rear door to the cellar and escaped through a window. Police of the Twentieth and Federal streets station are searching for the men.

Baxtain spent yesterday with his family at Atlantic City. He saw a light in a small room at the rear of the bar when he returned, and found that the door of the safe had been pried open, the inner doors battered and \$125 in cash and a box of old coins, valued at \$50, was overlooked.

Burglar tools were strewn about the floor, and Baxtain came to the conclusion that the men were still in the house. He called the police, and they found the three men saw him before he could cut off their escape. The burglars left their tools.

Later Baxtain found that a large quantity of his cigars had been stolen. The combination handle of the safe had been taken off by a long-handled bar, with prongs like a claw hammer. The heavy door of the bar was twisted into the wall, and the men entered the store through the small window to a side door.

**DRIVER AVERTS COLLISION**

Fireman Risks Life in Preventing Auto From Striking Trolley Car.

Deputy Fire Chief Barrett risked his life to avert collision with a trolley car at Broad and Morris streets last night, averting the big automobile chemical engine, which was traveling into a tree, slightly injuring Caesar Corlier, of 1433 South Rosewood street. Physicians at St. Agnes' Hospital found that Corlier had escaped with cuts and bruises.

Chief Barrett was traveling south on Broad street at a rapid pace when at Morris street a motorist, who failed to note the approach of the chemical engine, started to cross Broad street. The car was well filled with passengers. Barrett averted sharply to the left, at the same time speeding up his motor.

The chemical auto shot past the front of the trolley car, missing it by a few inches. Its speed by this time was so great that Chief Barrett found it impossible to turn back into the roadway, and the left wheels struck a tree against which Corlier was leaning. The man was thrown back on the sidewalk.

With great difficulty Chief Barrett struck to his seat and held on to the steering wheel, while the machine careened along for some distance, two wheels on the sidewalk and two in the street. Finally he brought it to a stop. The front of the chemical engine was damaged.

**WOULD NEED NEW SHIP**

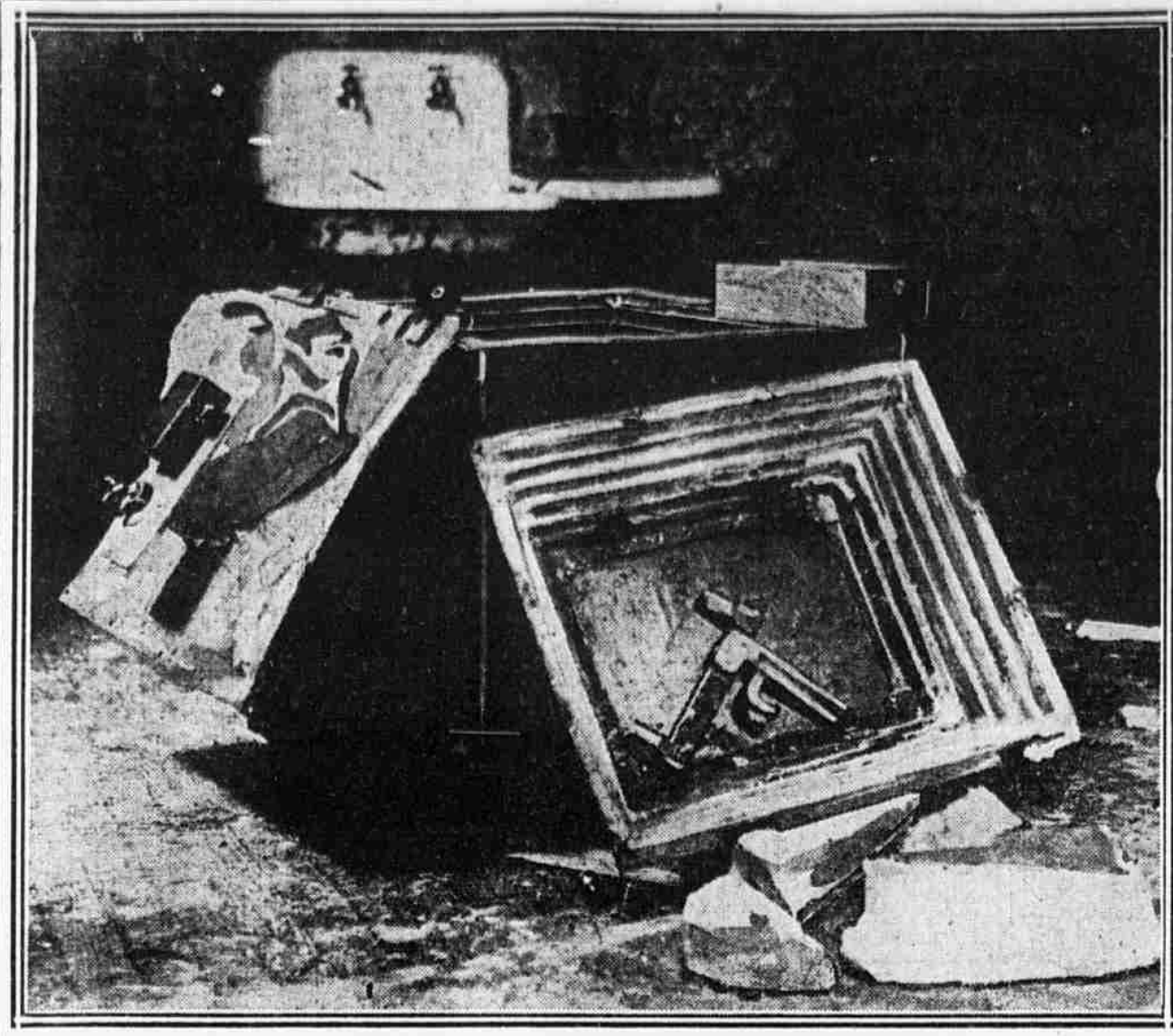
Saratoga Unfit, if Nautical School Is Re-established.

If the Pennsylvania Nautical School is re-established—a movement for that purpose being adopted—a new ship will have to be provided for the port of Philadelphia for a part of the Government. C. J. Gabriel, a director of the former Pennsylvania Nautical School, said today that the old schooner, the Saratoga, is unfit to be used for the purpose of instruction and general training.

A promising aspect has been given the bill, now awaiting the attention of the Ways and Means Committee of Congress, which provides for an appropriation of \$250,000 for each State nautical school, since Congressman J. Washington Lodge has given representatives of the alumni of the Philadelphia school assurance that he would use his influence for the passage of the bill.

The loan bill, the city will have failed to take advantage of an opportunity to expedite transit development by one year, for it is extremely unlikely that a special transit loan will be created before the general election, November, 1915, unless the way be cleared for awarding of contracts for a part of the drainage system, by the agreement of all parties to the program or otherwise, as a special election, costing the taxpayers about \$500,000, would be necessary in order to secure its authorization.

"Equally important is the fact that City Councils, by including the \$500,000 item in the loan bill, will have taken a decisive step confirming the intention of the city to proceed with the transit development without committing the city to the expenditure of any money on the actual construction of transit facilities under existing abnormal financial conditions, they will have thus advanced the much needed improvement of the drainage system of the city by such action in a manner to clear the way for the construction of the delivery loop at the proper time in the early part of 1916, and thereby made available early next year, the way can be cleared for the construction of the delivery loop by the end of 1915, and nearly a year's delay will have been avoided.



SAFE WRECKED BY YEGGEMEN AT 412 SOUTH STREET. The photograph shows the heavy safe which was cogged by burglars from a delicatessen store into a rear kitchen, when the door was blown off with nitro-glycerine early this morning.

MAYOR COMING HOME TOMORROW TO URGE COUNCILS TO DUTY

Will Send Message Asking Inclusion of Transit Loan in the \$11,700,000 Loan Bill.

Mayor Blankenburg will return to his home on Logan square tomorrow from Atlantic City, where he and Mrs. Blankenburg have been spending the last two weeks, following the closing of their summer home at Pocono Pines. The Mayor is not expected to be in his office tomorrow, but will go directly from the North Philadelphia Station to his home at Atlantic City.

That assurance has come from President Ransley of Select Council in reply to the following letter from Mayor Blankenburg sent to President Ransley, of Select Council, and McCurdy, of Common Council:

I notice in the newspapers that you expect to call a meeting of Select Council in the near future. You will remember that I wrote you on this subject early in July and urged that a meeting should be held at a date sufficiently early to permit a loan to be authorized in time for submission to popular vote at the November election. Will you please let me know as promptly as possible on just what day the next meeting of Select Council will be held?

Mr. Ransley's reply was:

Mr. Mayor, I am sorry to be informed that the meeting of Select Council will be held on Thursday, the 24th of September.

I have notified the Chief Clerk of Select Council to call a meeting of that body for Thursday, the 24th of September.

I am sorry to hear that you will be in Atlantic City on Thursday, the 24th of September, and that you will not be able to attend the meeting of Select Council on that date.

Councils were spurred to cut short their vacation, which was fixed to end October 1, by the emphatic declaration for the loan made by the Mayor when passing through Philadelphia on his way to Atlantic City, two weeks ago.

He pointed out at that time that civic improvements should be started now when the market for municipal bonds is excellent, when many idle men need employment, and when general industrial and labor conditions warrant capital outlay by the city.

It is understood that he will send a message to Councils on Thursday urging the inclusion of an item for transit development in the bill. The Subcommittee of Finance ignored the request of Transit Director Taylor for \$500,000 for office maintenance and relocation of sewers, in the central part of the city, preliminary to subway construction.

Mayor Blankenburg has not signed seven of 20 ordinances submitted to him when Councils adjourned in June. He is expected to deal with the remaining ordinances in a special message.

Cyrus D. Foss, Jr., secretary to the Mayor, said today that Mayor Blankenburg had been greatly improved in health by his vacation.

RESCUES SLEEPING CHILD FROM BURNING HOME

Man Risks Life by Plunging Into Flame-filled House.

At the risk of his life, Henry E. Silk, 1310 South Fourth street, plunged through the smoke and flame filled home of Ledor Orchow, 1313 South Fourth street, this morning and rescued seven-year-old Morris Orchow, who had been left in bed by other members of the family in their rush to escape from the burning house.

Silk discovered the fire and turned in an alarm. Then he tried to awaken the Orchow family. Finding he burst open the door and plunging through choking clouds of smoke aroused the household. Orchow, his wife and two of their children as well as three boarders in the house, were rescued by Silk.

Silk did not wait for further information, but dashed back into the burning building and brought the child to safety. The family was taken care of by neighbors. About \$1500 worth of dry goods which Orchow sold in a little store on the first floor of his house was destroyed. It is thought rats nibbling flames started the fire.

**BILLY SUNDAY'S WORK**

Presbyterian Ministers Told of Evangelistic Crusade in Scranton.

Billy Sunday and his work in Scranton last winter were enthusiastically endorsed by the Rev. A. J. Perry at the first Monday morning meeting of the season of the Presbyterian ministers in Philadelphia, held today in Witherspoon Hall.

Mr. Perry is the pastor of the Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, at 534 and Spruce streets, and he has been filling the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church in Scranton.

"The church was I preached," said Mr. Perry, "was always overflowing with people. Since Billy Sunday's visit here last winter it has witnessed a tremendous upheaval and has become like a new institution. The attendance became so large that all idea of suspending services was out of consideration."

The ministers greeted Mr. Perry enthusiastically and much satisfaction was expressed on all sides in anticipation of Billy Sunday's visit to Philadelphia this winter.

William M. Fulton, head of the Presbyterian evangelistic work in Philadelphia, made a report on the work of the summer, and praised highly the automobile meeting held every night in various sections of the city on street corners.

Dr. Fulton said 456 such meetings had been held, an average of four a night. The attendance at the meetings totaled 113,571.

**TO ARRIVE ON BALTIC**

Andrew Carnegie, Chauncey M. Depew and Mile. Genesee on Board.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The White Star Line steamship Baltic, which is returning from Liverpool with a large list of Americans aboard, is expected to arrive here late Thursday afternoon.

Among the prominent passengers are Baroness Von Andre, Andrew Carnegie, Chauncey M. Depew, Henry Dismont, F. H. Duguid, Mrs. J. B. Duer, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. N. Latt, Miss Gessert, Prince N. Stewart, Lee Sulzberger, Louis Swift, Hon. H. Thyma, the Right Rev. W. D. Walker, Harry Wardman and Creighton Webb.

**FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE**

Wife Found With Broken Bones and Numerous Lacerations.

READING, Pa., Sept. 14.—John L. Snyder, 74 years old, a farmer of Rucomb Manor township, killed himself Sunday afternoon, near Blanton. The suicide occurred in a cornfield and Snyder had stuck a straw hat on a pole and laid on the fence, to mark where his body lay. Domestic troubles and an alleged attack upon his wife, are believed to have unbalanced him.

Mrs. Snyder is 54 years old. Her right arm is broken in three places her left ear is almost severed, and covering her head and neck are numerous lacerations. Fifty stitches were required to dress the wounds in her neck.

**Part of B. & O. Lumber Yard Burns**

Fire this morning destroyed a portion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad lumber yard at Race street wharf, Schuyler River. The crew of the police boat Barbours extinguished the blaze after a sharp half hour's fight.

The building stands alone and other buildings are not endangered.

TWO LINERS BRING TOURISTS HOME FROM WAR-TORN EUROPE

Haverford, From Liverpool, and America, From Naples, Arrive in Port With Many Passengers.

The American liner Haverford from Liverpool and the Italian liner Ancona from Naples and Genoa, both filled with passengers and immigrants deserting war-torn Europe, docked today within a half hour of each other. A strong wind and tide made landing difficult.

The Ancona narrowly escaped being smashed against the Pennsylvania wharf at the foot of Race street. Two Philadelphia women and more than 100 immigrants were aboard the Ancona, which had touched yesterday at New York.

The Haverford came direct from Liverpool and carried many Americans who had been caught in Europe by canceled sailings and demoralized transportation. Neither vessel was seriously delayed on the trip across, though foreign cruisers were sighted.

Two Philadelphia women who abandoned passage they had engaged on war-stricken countries were aboard the Ancona, which docked at the Vine street pier after being swung against the Pennsylvania freight wharf a block south. A strong wind and powerful ebb tide caught the vessel as she pointed west and drove her slowly broadside down the river.

Just as it seemed she would strike the Pennsylvania wharf the tug Rescue jammed its prow under the leeward side and reduced the impact to a harmless bump. It took 15 minutes ramming by the Rescue and the Newcastle to push the Ancona across to her berth.

She carried eight cabin passengers and 100 Italian immigrants in the steerage. The Ancona left New York at noon yesterday and spent the night off Reddy Island.

Six miles off Sandy Hook yesterday the Ancona was halted by a British cruiser, believed to have been the Suffolk. She was allowed to continue as soon as her nationality and destination had been given.

Mrs. Clara V. Culbertson, of 508 Chestnut street, and Miss Sarah A. Evans, 1526 Green street, were the two English-speaking cabin passengers. Both complained that the Italian line had raised the passenger price nearly double for the trip home.

"I sailed from Philadelphia on the Ancona May 22," said Miss Evans. "I paid \$9 for passage to Naples, but when I went to engage my return the rates were nearly doubled. Finally I bought a second cabin ticket. That cost me \$15. There wasn't any other way to get home, so I had to take it. The steamship officials offered no explanation."

Mrs. Culbertson's experience was the same.

Her women have left trunks in Europe. Miss Evans sent her baggage to Liverpool expecting to sail September 16. Mrs. Culbertson left trunks in Heidelberg. She intended stopping there to pick them up on her way to Rotterdam for the sailing of the Rotterdam on August 29. But while in Florence on August 16 both were warned by the American consul that it was unsafe to try to return. The steamship officials had to take them.

The Ancona's trip across was uneventful. Captain Consiglieri allowed all lights to burn, and took no precautions against being seen by foreign warships. The people of Italy were in sympathy with the allies, he said. He believed Italy would remain neutral.

**BRUSH FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE**

House Partly Destroyed by Blaze Started by Laborers.

Fire partly destroyed a three-story vacant brick house, owned by the city at 261st and Wharton streets, today morning. The blaze was caused by sparks from a fire started by laborers on the boulevard project to burn brush wood. Firemen extinguished the flames after a sharp half hour's fight.

The building stands alone and other buildings are not endangered.

ANTI-PENROSE WAVE ENGULFS MACHINE POLITICIANS OF STATE

"Where Will It Lead Us?" the Startled Query of Workers High and Low. Doctor Brumbaugh Studying Situation.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 14.—Not in years have Pennsylvania politicians felt the dazing effects of such body blows as have been given them during the past 48 hours by two of the newspapers of Philadelphia—the Public Ledger and the North American. Stunned does not begin to describe the effect created by the announcement of the former that henceforth it will throw its support to A. Mitchell Palmer, the Democratic nominee for United States Senator, and the offer of the North American to give Dr. Brumbaugh its aid if he will but break away from Penroseism. Republican politician, from the most high to the lowly, was leader, talked of this else this morning and the gist of their agitated question was:

"Where will all this lead us?"

Doctor Brumbaugh, before leaving the First Hotel at the Carnegie School of Technology, where he made an inspection of the institution, commented very briefly on the offer of the Philadelphia Star American to throw its support to him, if he will break away from the Penrose ring. He said:

"I have read the article in question and I am thinking it over. For the present I have nothing to say. You will at least grant me the privilege of studying out the whole thing before I make a decision."

When asked if he cared to comment on the editorial published in the Public Ledger this morning, in which that paper comes out flatly against Penrose and in support of A. Mitchell Palmer, for United States Senator, Mr. Brumbaugh slowly shook his head and said:

"Again I must beg your indulgence. These things are coming a little too fast for me. I have delivered an address before the convention of Veterans of Foreign Wars and United Spanish-American War Veterans."

Doctor Brumbaugh was introduced by Commander-in-Chief Rice W. Means, of Denver. After a short address he returned to the Fort Pitt Hotel to prepare his trip through the Allegheny valley this afternoon, where he will visit the towns of Natrona, Tarentum, Brackenridge and Aspinwall. Short speeches, handshaking and a tour of the industrial institutions of these towns will occupy the afternoon and evening.

**RED CROSS REPEATS ITS WARNING TO THE PUBLIC**

Society Employs No Agents to Solicit Funds on Street.

The American Red Cross Society today repeated its announcement that it employs no solicitors to solicit the street, and that those representing themselves as the society's agents in soliciting war relief funds are impostors.

Letters urging ministers in this city to work through the churches for the Red Cross fund have been sent to all clergymen and church men by Francis B. Reeves, treasurer of the Red Cross fund in Philadelphia. The letters call attention to the deplorable conditions abroad and ask for contributions to help the sufferers there.

Numerous requests have been made from women in all parts of Philadelphia asking the Red Cross for patterns and other materials in order that they might sew and make clothes to be sent abroad to help the distressed families in the war zone. The churches in Philadelphia have been very active in this work.

**CARDINAL MERCIER INVITES BRITONS TO BELGIUM**

Tells Them His Country Wants to Be Foremost in Celebrating Victory.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, and archbishop of the city of Malines, invited Britons to attend the future celebration of the debilitation of Brussels, Louvain and Malines, at a public luncheon at the Hotel de Ville.

"Belgium, having sustained the first shock," he said, "will be the foremost in celebrating the final victory."

**TRAIN PASSES OVER HIM**

Taylor Resident Only Slightly Hurt, to Surprise of Spectators.

The last eight cars of a moving train at Taylor, N. J., passed over John L. Hunter, 55 years old, today, and the man escaped with nothing more than a few lacerations.

Hunter, who resides at Taylor, arrived at the station as a train was great to board was leaving. He attempted to jump on one of the cars and fell between the rails.

Cries of horror went up from a score or more persons. Many turned their eyes from the train. Their surprise was great when the train passed the platform and Hunter was seen sitting on the track rubbing his head.

He was taken to the Cooper Hospital, Camden.

**Cyclist Arrested, Though Hurt**

Harry Brenner, of 311 Columbia avenue, a motorcyclist, crashed into a coal wagon, driven by William Stiller, of 1271 Hanson street, at Twenty-fifth and Oxford streets this morning. Although injured, Brenner and the driver of the wagon were placed under arrest by Policemen King, of the Twenty-eighth and Oxford streets station. Both were freed on their own recognizance and are ordered to appear at a hearing at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

MOTHER AND CHILD FOUND LIFELESS IN ADIRONDACK BROOK

Bodies of Delaware County Woman and Daughter Discovered Near Summer Camp—Tragedy Shrouded in Mystery.

The bodies of Mrs. Sarah Graff Newlin, 22 years old, and her eight-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, of Chadd's Ford, Delaware County, were found in a brook three miles from a summer camp in the Adirondack mountains late last night. Word of the tragedy was received today at Chadd's Ford.

The place where the bodies were found is in Essex County, but it could not be learned whether mother and daughter both were murdered or whether the woman killed the girl and then committed suicide.

There are varied stories as to the cause of the deaths. Sheriff W. A. Knowlton, of Elizabethtown, county seat of Essex, said he had not seen the bodies, but was informed that the victims were strangled. According to one of his deputies, both women and child were found in a brook, and the cause of death in a message sent to Chadd's Ford today.

The result of the autopsy will be given later today. The women and child were a prominent family in Chadd's Ford, and had relatives in this city and also in Chester County. She went to the mountains early in the summer for the benefit of her health, according to a friend of the family, and spent the time at a camp belonging to an aunt, Mrs. George Rexamer. The woman's husband, who is a traveling man, left Chadd's Ford about the same time.

It is said that he went to Texas and efforts are now being made to get in touch with him.

The woman and her daughter, according to Sheriff Knowlton, disappeared from the camp on Saturday afternoon. They failed to return for supper and several residents went to find them. "The Sheriff said that at about 10 o'clock he found the bodies of the mother and daughter and that they were Mrs. Newlin's stockings."

He said the woman could have easily strangled both herself and daughter. The bodies were lying side by side in some underbrush at the edge of the brook.

Among other reports circulated in Chadd's Ford today was the statement that Mrs. Newlin had refused to believe this. The first to hear of the tragedy was Mrs. Horace W. Sinclair, a sister of the woman. She went to Frank Graff, a relative of Kenneth Square. Graff informed Captain Harrison Biehm, the dead woman's brother-in-law, and both men left immediately for Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Newlin formerly lived on the Graff farm, at Chadd's Ford.

**CLOTHES AND JEWELS ARE MISSING; SO IS MILD**

Doctor Reports \$800 Theft and Suspensions to Detectives.

The theft of clothing and jewelry valued at more than \$800 was reported to the police today by Dr. J. C. Higgins, of 5448 Chestnut avenue.

A domestic employed by Dr. Higgins also disappeared last night and the police are searching for her.

Among the stolen articles are a diamond brooch, containing 16 gems and valued at \$500; a diamond ring valued at \$40 and three gowns belonging to Mrs. Higgins.

Dr. Higgins told the police that last night he was awakened by a maid he had employed two days ago. She was dressed in a nightgown and asked him to get her a toothbrush. He gave her medicine, and since then has not seen her. The girl is about 15 years old, tall, with light brown hair and blue eyes. She is a native of Gorminaki when employed. She said that she was better known among her acquaintances as Kelly.

Five weeks ago the home of Dr. Higgins was robbed of jewelry worth \$100 by a domestic. The thief was not apprehended. Dr. Higgins has an office at 225 North Twentieth street.

**WATCH REPAIRER ROBBED**

Germantown Residences Lose Property Left in Shop.

Two watches, valued at \$45, were stolen from the watch repair shop of Henry Caspan, 27 East Price street, last night. Caspan told the Germantown police that the burglars gained entrance to his shop through the rear door. The watches are the property of a German watchmaker, who had left them at the shop to be repaired.

**FLETCHER'S NEW COMMAND**

Admiral Who Made History at Vera Cruz Will Hoist Flag on Wyoming.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The dreadnought Wyoming, flagship of the North Atlantic Fleet, with Rear Admiral Badger, fleet commander, on board, tied up at Brooklyn Navy Yard yesterday afternoon for her first visit to this port since the occupation of Vera Cruz by the United States forces last April. When she leaves next week, however, it will be with Rear Admiral Fletcher in command. Fletcher's pennant at the main masthead.

The formal ceremonies of the transfer of flags has been set for Thursday in the Brooklyn yard. Admiral Badger, who has been relieved of the command because his term of sea service has terminated, will return to the general board at Washington, and his successor, whose post was secured largely through his success in handling the delicate Mexican situation, will take his ship to the southern drill grounds off the Virginia Capes and then on to Vera Cruz.

**PASTORS PRAY FOR PEACE**

Baptist Ministers Also Discuss Progress of European War.

Prayers to bring about peace among the warring nations of Europe were offered today by the Baptist ministers at their regular weekly meeting in the First Baptist Church, Seventeenth and Sanson streets, today.

An address in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace between the United States and England was made by the Rev. George Rodin of Lambertville. Baptist Church, Lambertville, N. J. Following his address there was a discussion of the European situation. The Rev. Dr. W. B. Shumway presided.